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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 409 was considered on May 19th of last year. The bill was first considered on May 16th. It failed to advance. It was then advanced to E & R initial on May 19th. The Committee amendments do not appear to have ever been acted on, Mr. President, which would be the first matter to come up. They're offered by Senator Rasmussen's Government Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body. The Committee amendments were brought in by Bill Peters, the Tax Commissioner. What they do is they would list the requirements of State Tax Revenue personnel, plus the State Auditors personnel, as far as qualifications concerning experience for a CPA degree or license. I would ask for your support to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the Committee amendments. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Rasmussen has explained the Committee amendments which are the bill. It does, as he said, provide that the work experience, in the Revenue Department and in the Auditors Department, be recognized as that work part of a requirement for a CPA certificate.

I have had passed out this morning, ... I hope you have had an opportunity to read it, a letter from Mr. Peters office setting out the reasoning for the bill and the background that supports that. I believe it's valid. I am fully aware that there's been considerable discussion on this from various angles. I believe it is a meritorious bill, and one that will help both of our Departments to maintain an adequate staff, which they do have problems in doing.

I would move for the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to indefinitely postpone LB 409. Signed, Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body. I'm getting slightly heckled back here, even though they agree with my motion. The reason I'm ... frankly, I very reluctantly do this. I like Cal and I hate, like the devil, to put a kill motion on one of his bills. Frankly, experience of the personnel in the Tax Commissioners Office is not like experience or parallel to the experience in an accounting office, in the office of a CPA dealing with regular accounting of all aspects and auditing, that type of